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SUBJECT: HANNA CASE: FURTHER RECOMMENDATIONS

FOR ASST. SECRETARY DAVIS AND THE ACTING SECRETARY FROM AMBASSADOR

REF: ADDIS 5553 AND PREVIOUS

1. THERE HAS BEEN NO ETHIOPIAN RESPONSE TO OUR LATEST REPRESENTATIONS (REFTEL) IN THIS CASE AT THIS WRITING. MOREOVER, THE FONMIN, WHOM I SAW ON VARIOUS PENDING QUESTIONS (SEPTELS) MAY 21, ADMITTED TO EMBARRASSMENT THAT HE HAD NOT YET BEEN INSTRUCTED BY HIGHER AUTHORITY TO RESPOND TO US ON HANNA, BUT HE ASSERTED THAT A DECISION WOULD CERTAINLY BE REACHED "MOMENTARILY", WHICH LATER IN CONVERSATION BECAME "THIS WEEK." POSITIVE STATEMENTS MADE TO THIS EMBASSY BY HIGHEST OFFICIALS OF THE ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT HAVE LED NOWHERE TO DATE.

2. I THINK, THEREFORE, THE TIME HAS COME TO TAKE FURTHER STEPS DESIGNED TO COMPEL THE DIRG TO FOCUS ON THIS CASE BEFORE IT BLOWS UP IN OUR FACES. I THEREFORE RECOMMEND THAT THE ACTING SECRETARY CALL IN THE ETHIOPIAN CHARGE' AND READ HIM THE RIOT ACT ON HANNA CASE. AF/E IS FAMILIAR WITH DETAILS OF THE CASE AND POINTS TO BE MADE. THE ACTING SECRETARY'S ORAL REPRESENTATIONS SHOULD BE BACKED UP BY A NOTE WHICH THE ETHIOPIAN CHARGE' WILL HAVE TO TRANSMIT. NOTE SHOULD BE ADDRESSED TO FONMIN AND STATE IN STRONG TERMS THE DISSATISFACTION OF THE HIGHEST LEVELS OF THE US GOVERNMENT WITH THE EPMG'S FAILURE TO ADJUST THE

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SITUATION. LANGUAGE SHOULD IMPLY CONCRETE MEASURES IF MATTER

ALLOWED TO DRAG FURTHER AND BE SUFFICIENTLY STIFF TO COMPEL
THE DIRG'S LEADERSHIP TO FOCUS ON THE ISSUE.

3. I RECOMMEND THAT THESE REPRESENTATIONS BE MADE AT THE
EARLIEST POSSIBLE TIME. WE WILL, OF COURSE, CONTINUE OUR EFFORTS
AT THIS END AS WELL.
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